

**From:** jrock@mail2go.com@inetgw  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 11/20/01 12:26pm  
**Subject:** Antitrust remedies for Microsoft

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my dismay at the proposed settlement between the Department of Justice and the Microsoft Corporation. After 4+ years of legal wrangling and an equal amount of time chilling innovation and financially destroying good companies, the industry needs an effective solution without delay. The settlement proposed by a number of the states provides, on paper, reform in several areas. There is, however, enough leeway in the proposal for debate. This would result in Microsoft continuing to flagrantly disregard the law and another 4+ years in court while the industry continues to suffer.

The only solution that will provide for real change in the industry is one that provides real and definite punishments for Microsoft's past behavior and provides for a strict adherence, by Microsoft, to open and established industry standards. All protocols, formats, and API's used by microsoft products must be legally bound to open, published, free standards to allow true interoperability with any competitors who wish to enter the market. This would negate some of the economic and technical advantage they have established through the exercise of thier illegal monopoly.

I ask that you take my opinion into consideration while dealing with this case. I work everyday with both Windows and UNIX software. My company develops software for mission critical applications. Microsoft's OS's do not provide for the real-time data processing and are not stable enough to support our applications. We are forced, however, to use Windows as well as UNIX because the corporation that has invested heavily in our company uses it and there is no way for other OS's to reliably interoperate with it. That corporation uses it because they need to interoperate with all their business partners who run it, and because when buying a computer it is cheaper to get one that comes with Windows than to get one without any OS at all. This situation is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

-Joseph Rock

-----  
Joseph Rock  
1447 Geneva Rd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

-----  
Get your free email account at mail2go.com today!

Click here <<http://www.mail2go.com>> to open your account.  
-----

Check your POP3 email account at Mail2Go.com!

It's free. It's easy. It's fast.

Click here to check your mail now! <http://pop3.mail2go.com/>

---